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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6626 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2005

BILL NUMBER: HB 1052 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Security Freezes on Credit Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Micon

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: The bill provides that a consumer may prevent access to the consumer's credit report by requesting that the consumer rating agency place a security freeze on the credit report. It imposes other requirements and restrictions. It also makes a violation of the requirements and restrictions concerning security freezes a Class A infraction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

<u>Explanation of State Revenues:</u> If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000, which is deposited in the state General Fund.

If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed, 70% of which would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement

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agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would be assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund. (3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement the compensation of jury members.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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